Strange Orange

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WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
AKAMARU?!
AH... UM... YOU SEE...
Playing Cards
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO EDIT AND TRANSLATE ...
WE WERE TAKING A LITTLE BREAK...
...so we can work more later.
WHEN EXACTLY IS YOUR LATER...?
GEEZ.. I WISH WE HAD MORE PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP ..
And there's so much cool stuff to release!

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Summary

Asuka and Tomaru. The two of them were born on the same day at the same hospital, and they have always been together ever since. Rather than childhood friends, their relationship is more similar to that of twins.

Because of Tomaru's parents' work, suddenly they had to move out of town. Not wanting to be apart from Tomaru, Asuka came to talk to her mother for a solution, and thus, the two of them began to live together.

They entered the same senior high, where Tomaru met a senior named Natsuo. And then, Asuka was saved by Yokoyama from being hit on by a group of seniors.

One day, Natsuo's boyfriend, Range, is waiting for Asuka as she was heading back home from school.

He invites both Asuka and Yokoyama to a karaoke box. Hearing her singing voice, the interested Range and Yokoyama invited her to their band's music rehearsal. The band's rehearsal left a deep impression on Asuka.

For details, please read Strange Orange book 1, out in stores now!!

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#7
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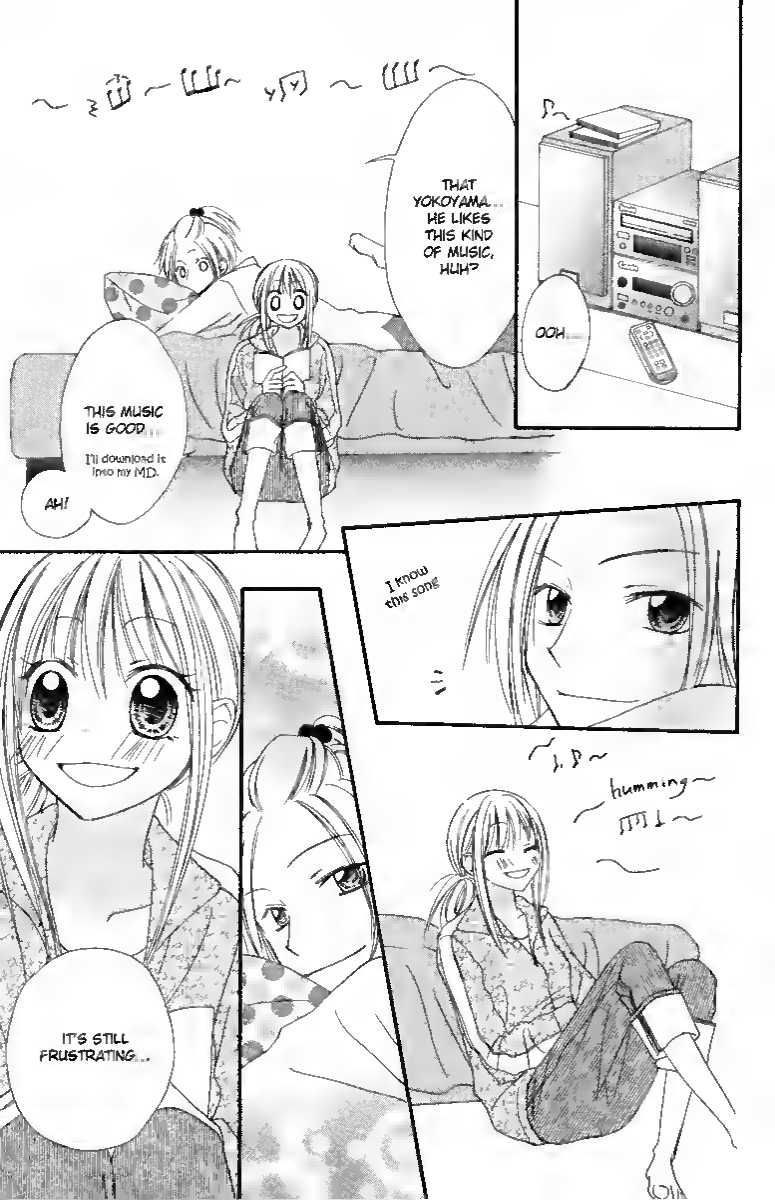
To the point that I almost forgot I had to put effort into stuffing them into my head.
Surprisingly enough, it was so easy to believe in these thoughts.
That kiss was nothing but a sign of our reconciliation.
If he forbade me to harbor romantic feelings towards him, I would just obey.
For me Tomaru's existence is absolute.


THAT YOKOYAMA... HE LIKES THIS KIND OF MUSIC, HUH?
OOH...
THIS MUSIC IS GOOD...
I'll download it into my MD.
AH!
I know this song
humming~
IT'S STILL FRUSTRATING...

I HATE TO ADMIT IT...
RANGE-KUN... THAT GUY INDEED HAS A GOOD SENSE.
I have to admit.
REALLY? ABOUT WHAT?
ABOUT YOU
THE WAY HE'S SCOUTING YOU...
TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE HE'S HITTING ON YOU..
That sly bastard he has done it!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO ANSWER AT A TIME LIKE THAT?
WHEN WILL THE NEXT BAND GATHERING BE?
WELL ABOUT THAT.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M OFFICIALLY JOINING THEM OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
SO I HAVE TO WAIT FOR RANGE-KUN TO CONTACT ME...

ANYWAY, TOMORROW IS THE LAST SCHOOL DAY AFTER THAT, WE'LL HAVE A 5 DAYS BREAK, RIGHT?
SAYING THAT AGAIN... I BET YOU CAN'T WAIT TO JOIN THE BAND, RIGHT?
CAN YOU TELL?
YEAH
WE CAN'T LET THE HOLIDAYS GO TO WASTE.
THAT'S GREAT!!
I'LL ASK YOKOYAMA-KUN ABOUT IT TOMORROW!!
YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT LATER.
AH...
YOU'LL COME TO MY CLASS TOO, RIGHT?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.
Waaa
AW!! IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE!!
JOINING A BAND WHERE THE ONE YOU LOVE IS A MEMBER... A-AAAH... HOW NICE!!
YOU'RE SO LUCKY!!
Waaa
The truth is
I have the feeling that I'm joining the band with the wrong intentions

AND TO THINK THAT WE MIGHT BE SEEING EACH OTHER DURING THE SCHOOL BREAK...
THIS KIND OF LUCK WON'T COME TO ME VERY OFTEN
I am now in a luxurious state I've never even dreamt of...
There's no limit to my greed!!
1-2
I'M SORRY!! THE CD WAS JUST AN EXCUSE TO SEE YOU!!
.....
ANYWAY... I HAVE TO RETURN THE CD TO HIM...

OH, TOMARU'S NOT HERE.
HE REALLY CAN'T STAY PUT IN ONE PLACE FOR A LONG TIME. HUH.

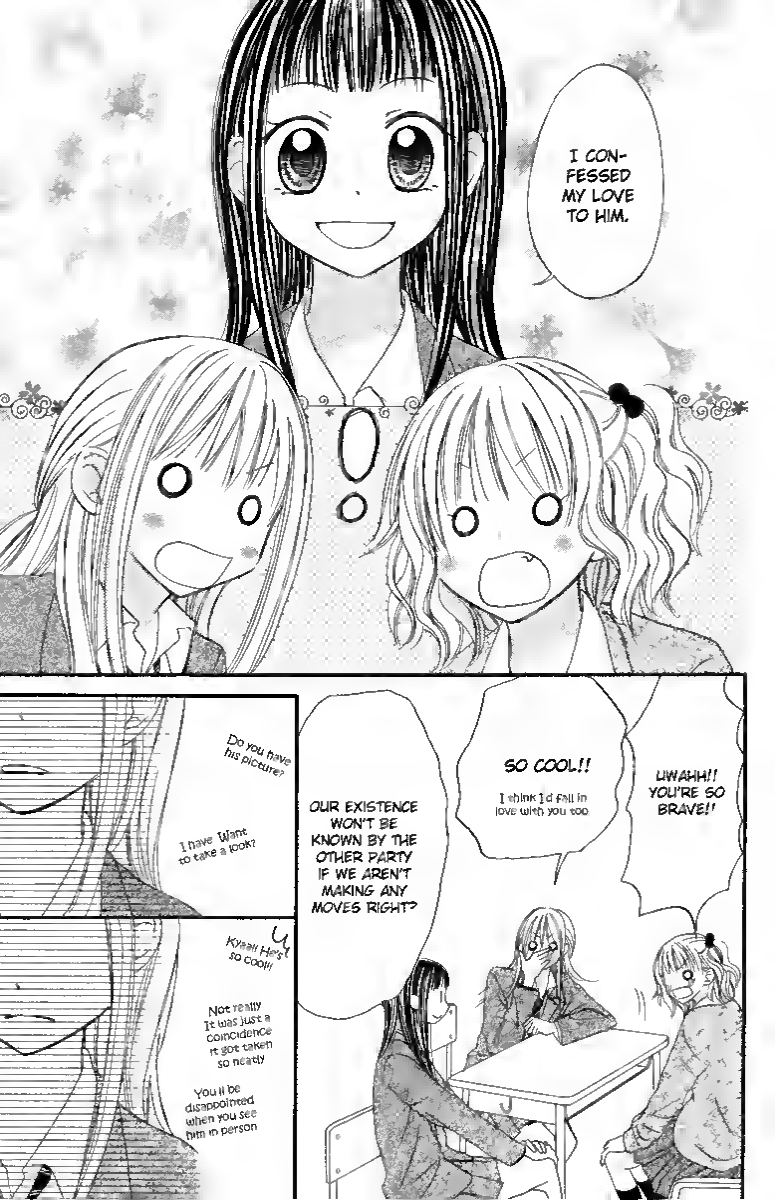
IT'S NATURAL FOR HIM TO HAVE GIRLS AS FRIENDS RIGHT?
HUH?
AH!!
"He thinks he isn't popular among girls. But actually, he's more popular than I am."
I forgot about that!!

That's right...
Yoko-yama-kun... he...
Indeed he usually has that unfriendly expression on his face... but when you get him to talk, he's actually a very interesting person.
Moreover he's kind, tall and handsome!! His laughing face is really adorable.
And he saved me from seniors who were hitting on me during our first meeting.
He's so brave...
Uh... he's so cool.
And he's been helping around here, too.
I was too shy to look at him often... but at that time, he looked like he enjoyed playing so much...
And the drums, too!
He waved to me and bade me good bye...

What should I do...
No wonder he's so popular!!
1-6
Uuh...
MAYBE HE ALREADY HAS A GIRLFRIEND!!
AH!!
MORE IMPORTANTLY..
AND NOT ONLY GIRLS IN HIS CLASS . GIRLS IN OTHER CLASSES ARE ALSO..
I can't let my guard down
THERE ARE GIRLS IN HIS CLASS WHO ARE ALSO HIS FANS . I'M SURE OF THAT

WHY LOVE CAN'T BE FILLED ONLY WITH HAPPY MEMORIES?!
SO SAD...
IT'S SO SAD WHEN THE ONE YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON IS SO POPULAR..
YEAH!! WHY?!
FOR EXAMPLE, YOU GOT A SEAT NEXT TO HIM DURING THE SEAT EXCHANGE!! SO WONDERFUL!!
IT'D BE WONDERFUL IF YOKOYAMA-KUN LIKED ME TOO!!
THAT'S NOT FAIR!! JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AS HIM.
I KNOW THAT FEELING!! I KNOW!!
Everything's done in an instant.
Running away from the reality

GLO——OM
NICE THOUGHT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, OHAGI-CHAN?
?
YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND... HOW DID THE TWO OF YOU BECOME A COUPLE?
UH... WELL. YEAH...
You two are really in love, huh?
Are you seeing your boyfriend then?
I find you disappearing at times
AH... I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THAT TOO!.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FESSED
MY LOVE
TO HIM.
UWAHH!!
YOU'RE SO
BRAVE!!
SO COOL!!
I think I'd fall in
love with you too
OUR EXISTENCE
WON'T BE
KNOWN BY THE
OTHER PARTY
IF WE AREN'T
MAKING ANY
MOVES RIGHT?
Do you have
his picture?
I have. Want
to take a look?
Kyaah! He's
so cool!
Not really.
It was just a
coincidence
it got taken
so nearby
You'll be
disappointed
when you see
him in person

Wow...
After school
CONFESSING MY LOVE HUH?
I CAN'T EVEN MAKE MYSELF TO GO TO HIS CLASS WITHOUT FINDING AN EXCUSE. LIKE GOING THERE TO ASK WHEN THE NEXT PRACTICE WILL BE FOR EXAMPLE.
AND WHEN I SAW HIM WITH GIRLS, I JUST HID AND WENT BACK TO MY CLASS SOON AFTER.
I don't have the courage...
I CAN'T GET HEAD OVER HEELS JUST BECAUSE I GOT LUCKY!!
There are also the band things I have to think about... huh? Why does it has to be me?
Range-kun and Yokoyama kun... both of them are good at singing right?
UH IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME... I'M CU-RIOUS...
That's right Range-kun he doesn't like to waste time...
I don't think he would let the school break end without doing anything
But he hasn't contacted me yet... oh no... that means

That I'm no longer needed?
bats
Even if it is true that he no longer needs me
Still I have to

WAH, YOU SCARED ME
!
!!
YO-YOKO-YAMA-KUN.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
UM. . . WELL...
ARE YOU FREE TODAY?
!
RANGE IS SOME-WHERE NEAR THE AREA.
Want to go with me?
SURE! NO PROBLEM.

Ah excuse me
bow
HUH? OH, IT'S YOU, ASUKA.
RYUU-KUN,
CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME.
WHAT!?
WHAT?
NO, I'M NOT!!
What are you saying?
YOU'RE HAVING AN AFFAIR?
See ya
I'M SERIOUS HERE...
OH I SEE...
YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND, HUH?
NO I DON'T!! I DON'T HAVE A BOY-FRIEND!!
HUH?

When we walk toge ther...
He's in my class right?
Yeah
NO,
HE'S NOT MY BOY-FRIEND OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I SWEAR!
That guy with this kind of hair?
PANIC
I get head over heels again!!
THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I CAN JOIN THE BAND OR NOT
I HAVE TO SHOW THEM THAT I'M SERIOUS ABOUT JOINING THEM.
I have to put up all of my courage here uuh
gyuu~

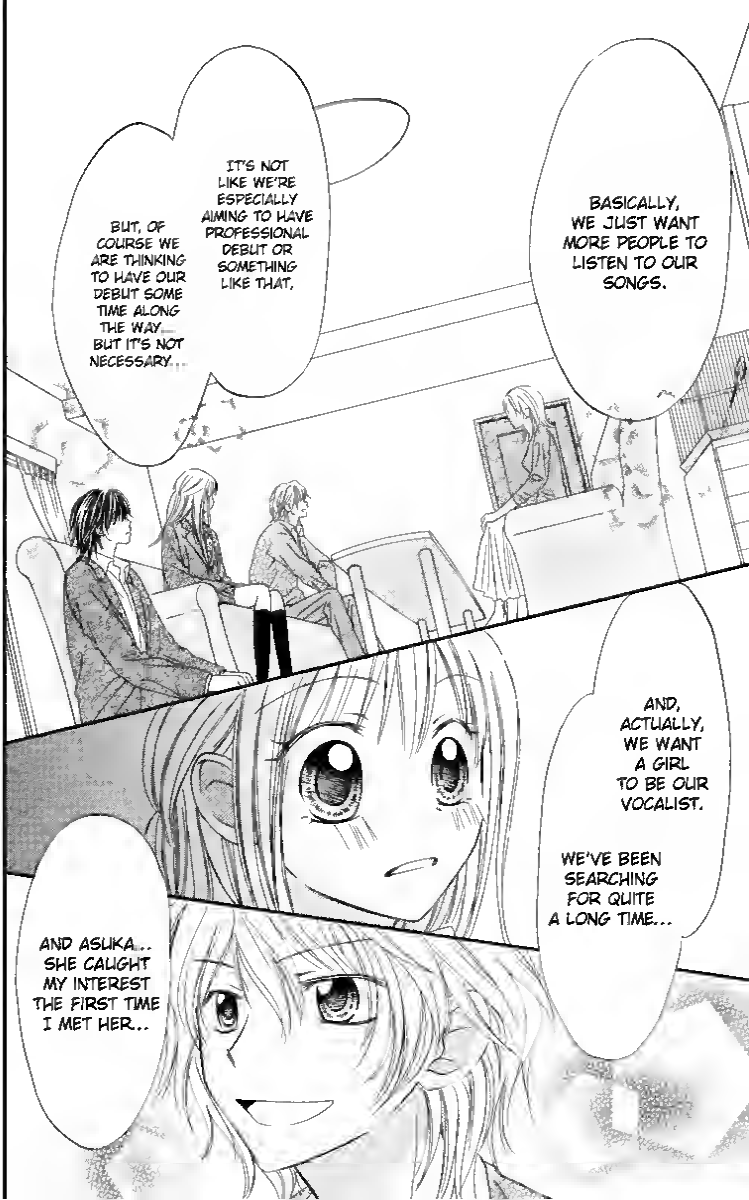
paaaats—
You know?
I already have this great plan if you are joining our band!!
dumbfounded
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
ER... UM...
EVEN THOUGH YOU MIGHT TOLD ME THAT I DON'T HAVE TO JOIN THE BAND... BUT... SINCE I HAD SO MUCH FUN WATCHING THE BAND'S PRACTICE THE OTHER DAY...
WELL, UM... FRANKLY, I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU IF YOU DON'T MIND...
?
HAH!?
M-
NICE!!
ME TOO!!

Whaat?!
shocked!
More importantly!
...MORE IMPORTANTLY,
Your parents are home right?
We have to go and greet them properly
Am I right Yokoyama kun?
CAN WE GO TO YOUR HOUSE NOW?
UH, WELL. I DON'T THINK IT'S NECESSARY TO..
IT'S NOT LIKE WE ARE GETTING MARRIED OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
Wha...
What's that supposed to mean?!
ALONG THE WAY, I BET YOKOYAMA-KUN WOULD ALSO ASK YOUR PARENTS FOR PERMISSION TO HAVE YOU!
WELL MAYBE
Gyaa!!
I'M HOME...

WEL-COME BACK
Oh! You came straight home from school?
.....
Make there. I'll call for my mother Mom !!
HUH? RANGE-KUN.. YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
...
HUH?! WAIT A MINUTE!! THE TWO OF YOU ARE LIVING TOGETHER?!

SHOCKED
PERVERT .
smirk
Furo
Furo
PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE...
AND
I'M JOINING THEIR BAND.
SO THEY ARE HERE TO GREET YOU MOM
Oh hello
WELCOME!
NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS MATSUMOTO RANGE.
I'm the leader of the band
I'M YOKOYAMA HIROTO

Ah, thank you very much. Please don't trouble yourself for us.
Have some tea
AND?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A BAND?
ARE YOU RELEASING CDS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
SERIOUS
MOM!! YOU'RE MOVING THE CONVERSATION TOO FAST!!
Let's hear what they have to say first
Uoh
WE HAVE A GOAL.
EVEN RANGE-KUN SEEMS LIKE HE'S TROUBLED NOW
SO EM-BARRAS-SING
UM.
well—
UHH KUU KUU


BASICALLY, WE JUST WANT MORE PEOPLE TO LISTEN TO OUR SONGS.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE ESPECIALLY AIMING TO HAVE PROFESSIONAL DEBUT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
BUT, OF COURSE WE ARE THINKING TO HAVE OUR DEBUT SOME TIME ALONG THE WAY... BUT IT'S NOT NECESSARY...
AND, ACTUALLY, WE WANT A GIRL TO BE OUR VOCALIST.
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR QUITE A LONG TIME...
AND ASUKA... SHE CAUGHT MY INTEREST THE FIRST TIME I MET HER...

WITH ASUKA JOINING OUR BAND, I'M SURE IT'LL BRO-ADEN OUR WORLD...
What do I do...
WHEN I HEARD HER SONG, I KNEW I WAS RIGHT
I WANT TO CRY
HONESTLY, WE'VE REACHED OUR LIMIT WITH ONLY MY VOICE
Range-kun... he thought about me that much...

WITH THAT SAID,
OUR BAND'S ACTIVITY
WILL REQUIRE ASUKA TO BE HOME MUCH LATER THAN SHE IS USUALLY
AT THOSE TIMES, I'LL HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE HER HOME SAFELY.
FROM NOW ON, WE'LL CAUSE YOU TO WORRY ABOUT HER AT TIMES.
THAT ONE IS FOR SURE.
bow
look
DESPITE ALL THAT, PLEASE ENTRUST YOUR DAUGHTER TO US!!

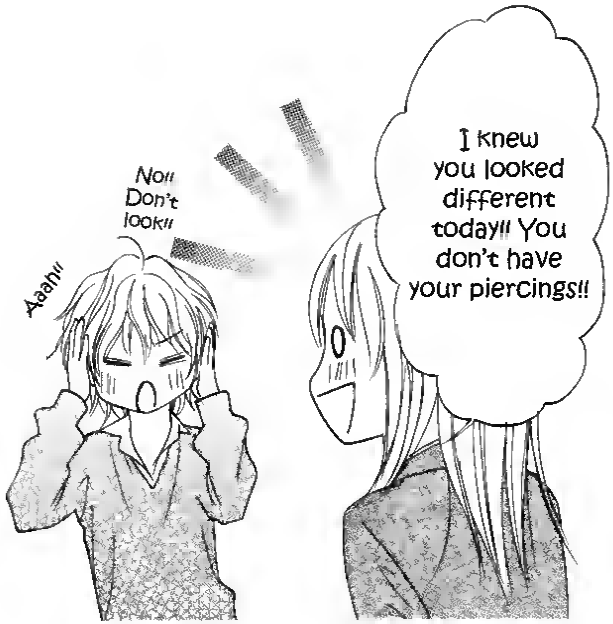
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.
ALL OF YOU, DO YOUR BEST.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
Wow...
A-ah I'm so nervous
That's rare
Really?
I feel like there's nothing I can't do if I am with them.

OH I ALMOST FORGOT..
SINCE NOW WE HAVE YOUR PERMISSION..
WHAT IS IT?
I'D LIKE TO HAVE ASUKA TO JOIN US IN OUR TRAINING CAMP FOR 2 DAYS STARTING FROM THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
!?
What?! Training camp?!
I don't know anything about training camp!
.....
TRAINING CAMP? WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING IN A TRAINING CAMP?
WELL, OBVIOUSLY,
WE ARE MAKING A COMPLETE ARRANGE-MENT FOR OUR NEW SONG!!
We've never heard of that plan.
He's seriously deciding every thing as an

WE HAVE TO PUT OUR PRECIOUS SCHOOL BREAKS TO GOOD USE, RIGHT?!
INNO-CENTLY
Huh?! A training camp?!
DO AS YOU PLEASE.
Though actually I can't fully agree to that...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
Um
SPARKLING
SPARKLING
Huh?! That means... I can be together and spend the whole night with Yokoyama-kun?!
SPEECHLESS
WELL, AS ALL OF YOU HAVE HEARD,

I'm sure you haven't told Hisaichi-kun about this plan either, right?
WE'LL BE STAYING AT HISAICHI-KUN'S HOUSE FOR A WHILE.
UNTIL THEN, ASUKA, I'LL HAVE YOU MEMORIZE ALL OF OUR SONGS
This is the case
UNDER-STOOD!!
THAT'S A GOOD GIRL. YOU'VE NEVER SAID NO TO ANYTHING. THAT'S WHY I LIKE YOU.
Though most girls would refuse since it's an impossible task to do
Good girl
AHAHA... I'M LUCKY.
SINCE YOU ARE NOW OFFICIALLY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS
I'LL TELL YOU A SECRET RULE THAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED
!!
WHAT IS IT?
SECRET RULE?! COOL!! I WANT TO KNOW!!
OH, BY THE WAY,

ehehe
LOVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FELLOW BAND MEMBERS ARE PROHIBITED
O O
Whaat?!
No way!!
Have a good rest
I'll pick you up at 22 o'clock the day after tomorrow!!


I knew you looked different today!! You don't have your piercings!!
No!! Don't look!!
Aaah!!